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Patent claims

1. An electronic key whose key housing has a suspension eyelet in a region close to the periphery, with the suspension eyelet having a use and a non-use position,

characterized

it can slide.

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in that the suspension eyelet (30; 130) is held by a guide arm (lever arm 32; guide leg 132) which is mounted such that it can move and by means of which the suspension eyelet (30; 130) is lowered into a receiving space (receiving shaft 15; 115) in the key housing (11; 111) so that it is inaccessible in its non-use position, and can be moved out into the use position for the purpose of suspending the electronic key (10; 110).

- 2. The electronic key as claimed in claim 1, characterized
- in that the guide arm (lever arm 32) of the suspension eyelet (30) is held on the key housing (11) by means of a rotary bearing (pin 33) such that it can pivot.
 - 3. The electronic key as claimed in claim 1,
- characterized in that the guide arm (guide leg 132) of the suspension eyelet (130) is held on the key housing (111) such that
- 30 4. The electronic key as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the key housing (11; 111) has a receiving shaft (15; 115) for an associated mechanical key (flat key 20) which can be inserted into the receiving shaft (15; 115) and can be completely withdrawn from the latter,

(30;

130)

being

suspension eyelet

automatically moved into the use position when the mechanical key (flat key 20) is withdrawn from the receiving shaft (15; 115).

5 5. The electronic key as claimed in claim 4, characterized

in that the mechanical key (flat key 20) forces the suspension eyelet (30; 130) into its non-use position when said mechanical key is inserted into the receiving shaft (15; 115).

- 6. The electronic key as claimed in claim 4, characterized
- in that a spring (torsion spring 34; helical spring 134) is arranged on the key housing (11; 111) in order to automatically move the suspension eyelet (30; 130) into the use position.
 - 7. The electronic key as claimed in claim 6,
- 20 characterized

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in that, in its non-use position, the suspension eyelet (30; 130) is supported against a holding zone of the inserted mechanical key (flat key 20; 120) which is secured on the key housing (11; 111) by means of associated holding means.

8. The electronic key as claimed in claim 6, characterized

in that, in its use position, the suspension eyelet (30; 130) is supported against a bearing point (18; 118) of the key housing (11; 111) under the action of the spring (torsion spring 34; helical spring 134).

- 9. The electronic key as claimed in claim 4,
- 35 characterized

in that the mechanical key provided is a flat key (20; 120), with the suspension eyelet (30; 130) having a plate-like region (fastening ring 31; 131) which runs largely parallel to a broad side of the inserted flat

key (20; 120) in a common receiving shaft (15; 115) of the key housing (11; 111).